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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

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AMENDMENT

Applicants request that the specification be amended as follows:

At page 84, please replace the paragraph between lines 1-4 with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- C. The reaction was allowed to proceed for 2hrs and samples withdrawn at several times. The results showed that 20%, 37%, 57%, and 82% cleavage occurred after 15, 30, 60, and 120 minutes, respectively. --.